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SUBJ: MAJOR PARTIES' ATTITUDES TOWARD CUTOFF

SUMMARY: CONTACTS WITH TOP-ECHELON REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH MAJOR PARTIES HAVE BROUGHT OUT THAT BOTH ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY U.S. MILITARY AID CUTOFF. RPP ATTITUDE IS THAT CUTOFF OBLIGES COMPLETE REEVALUATION OF TURKEY'S FOREIGN POLICY, ALTHOUGH THIS CONSEQUENCE COULD STILL BE HEADED OFF IF AID RESTORED SOON. JP'S ATTITUDE FOCUSES ON NEED TO PROTECT TURKEY'S ALLIANCES FROM -GO-HOME" CAMPAIGNS; HOWEVER, CUTOFF HAS WEAKENED JP'S POSITION. ALTHOUGH BOTH PARTIES BELIEVE SHOCK OF CUTOFF MAY HELP RESOLVE GOVERNMENT CRISIS, NEITHER HAS NEW PLAN FOR PRODUCING GOVERNING COALITION. END SUMMARY.

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF TOP LEADERSHIP OF TWO MAJOR PARTIES,  
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REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) AND JUSTICE PARTY (JP), IN

MEETINGS WITH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 7 DISCUSSED THEIR PARTIES'  
VIEWS ON AID CUTOFF. FOLLOWING IS OUTLINE OF THEIR POSITIONS:

A. RPP DEPUTY SEC GEN DENIZ BAYKAL, FORMER FINMIN IN  
ECEVIT'S CABINET, U.S. EDUCATED, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE,  
VERY CLOSE TO ECEVIT:

(1) CUTOFF IS MOST IMPORTANT EVENT OF LAST SEVERAL  
YEARS FOR TURKEY'S FOREIGN POLICY. IT HAS DESTROYED ESSENTIAL  
CONFIDENCE IN RELIABILITY OF U.S. AS ALLY, AND EVEN IF AID IS RESTORED

CONFIDENCE CAN NEVER BE SAME AGAIN.

(2) CUTOFF REDUCES TURKEY'S MILITARY CAPABILITY TO  
COMPENSATE FOR INCREASED VULNERABILITY PRODUCED BY PRESENCE  
OF U.S. BASES. (EMBOFF TOOK ISSUE, POINTING OUT THAT BASES ALSO  
STRENGTHEN TURKEY'S SECURITY ALONG WITH THAT OF ALL OTHER MEMBERS  
OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT.)

(3) MEANING OF "SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" IN CYPRUS TALKS  
WAS UNCLEAR. CONGRESSMAN HAYS HAD LEFT ECEVIT (AND BAYKAL, WHO  
WAS PRESENT) WITH IMPRESSION THAT PROGRESS ON ISSUES OF NICOSIA  
AIRPORT AND FAMAGUSTA PORT WAS ESSENTIAL TO CONVINCING CONGRESS  
THAT CONDITIONS SET BY LEGISLATION HAD BEEN MET, AND TURKS HAD  
DONE THEIR BEST ON BOTH ISSUES. HE HOPED FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION  
OF WHY USG HAD NOT CONSIDERED THESE ACTIONS SUFFICIENT.

(4) MAKARIOS'S RETURN HAD MADE CYPRUS SOLUTION  
MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. RECENTLY ECEVIT HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM  
GREEK PRIMIN KARAMANLIS SAYING THAT TURKEY MUST SETTLE PROB-  
LEMS DIRECTLY WITH MAKARIOS, NOT THROUGH GREECE. SUCH AN  
ATTITUDE IN ATHENS WAS MOST UNHELPFUL AND DISCOURAGING.

(5) TURKEY MUST PROCEED WITH A REEVALUATION OF ITS  
FOREIGN POLICY. RPP UNDERSTANDS U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION  
BUT MUST DEAL WITH FACT OF U.S. ACTION. "WHEN AN ARMY CHANGES  
ITS SOURCE OF SPARE PARTS, A COUNTRY MUST CHANGE ITS FOREIGN  
POLICY."

(6) (WHEN ASKED IF POLICY REEVALUATION WERE INEVITABLE  
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WHETHER AID RESUMED OR NOT)- IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MOVE  
TOWARD RESTORATION OF OUR OLD RELATIONSHIP IF THESE STEPS COULD  
BE FOLLOWED, STARTING AT EARLY DATE:

--FIRST, U.S. MUST RESOLVE ITS CRISIS OF AUTHORITY.  
"WE CANNOT DEAL WITH A TWO-HEADED GOVERNMENT."

--CONGRESS MUST MAKE CLEAR DECISION PLACING MILITARY

SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS ON DEPENDABLE BASIS.

--AFTER RESTORING AID, U.S. SHOULD BEGIN TO RESTORE  
TURKISH PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE BY MAKING STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENTS  
OF ITS POLICY, ACCOMPANYING THESE WITH SYMBOLIC ACTIONS.

(7) CUTOFF MAY GIVE TURKEY'S POLITICAL PARTIES FRESH  
STIMULUS TO OVERCOME GOVERNMENT CRISIS. HOWEVER, RPP IS  
NOT ENGAGING IN ANY NEW EFFORT OF ITS OWN.

B. JP SECGEN NAHIT MENTESE, MINISTER IN THREE PREVIOUS  
CABINETS, ONE OF MOST POPULAR FIGURES IN HIS PARTY, LONG-TIME  
POLITICIAN WHOSE PRIMARY CONCERN IS DOMESTIC POLICY, SPEAKS  
ONLY TURKISH:

(1) JP HAS ALWAYS BELIEVED IT MUST DEFEND TURKEY'S  
RELATIONS WITH U.S. AND NATO AGAINST "GO HOME" CAMPAIGNS,  
WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO RPP IN 1960'S. JP INTENDS TO CONTINUE  
DOING SO. CLEARLY, HOWEVER, TO TAKE DEFENSIVE POSITION ON CUTOFF  
ISSUE ITSELF WOULD WEAKEN JP. BUT JP WILL NOT LET "GO-HOMERS"  
WIN THEIR CAMPAIGN.

(2) IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE CLEARER INDICATION OF  
PROSPECTS FOR RESUMPTION OF AID.

(3) ATTACKS BY LEFT (PRINCIPALLY RPP) ON TURKEY'S PRO-  
U.S., PRO-NATO ORIENTATION MAY BECOME SERIOUS ENOUGH TO  
CONVINCE DEMOCRAT PARTY THAT IT MUST JOIN OTHER CENTER-RIGHT  
PARTIES IN NATIONAL FRONT UNDER JP'S LEADERSHIP. IF SO, FRONT  
WOULD HAVE A GOVERNING MAJORITY. LEFT'S CHALLENGE MIGHT THUS  
BE WHAT IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE REUNIFICATION OF FRAGMENTED PARTIES  
OF CENTER RIGHT.

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(4) ASIDE FROM LATTER POSSIBILITY, JP HAS NO PLAN FOR  
ENDING GOVERNMENT CRISIS. MENTESE HAD JUST ISSUED DENIAL OF  
PRESS REPORTS THAT JP DISCUSSED COALITION WITH RPP. SUCH  
COALITION WOULD INVOLVE ABANDONMENT OF NATIONALIST FRONT AND  
THEREFORE WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE.  
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